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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number 08/499,423

Filing Date July 7, 1995

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Group Art Unit 3738

Examiner Name Milano, M.

Attorney Docket Number MP/84

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 60092 (Aug. 18, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE Practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 07-1729

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Campbell et al.
Appl. No. : 08/499,423
Filed : 07/07/95
Title : Interior Liner for Tubes, Pipes
and Blood Conduits

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2001 for the above-referenced application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 2, 34, 70, 78, 89 and 90.

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

D1 3. The tube of claim 1 having a wall thickness less than or equal to about 0.25 mm.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

D2 5. The tube of claim 1 wherein said porous polytetrafluoroethylene has a microstructure of nodes interconnected by fibrils

[Please amend claim 6 as follows:]

6. The tube of claim 5 wherein said tube is covered by one or more helical layers of porous polytetrafluoroethylene material.

Please amend claim 35 as follows:

D3 35. The article of claim 33 wherein said tube is adapted for use as a vascular graft.